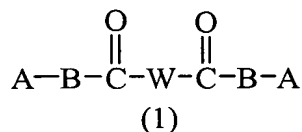


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A compound represented by ~~the following general~~
 formula (1):

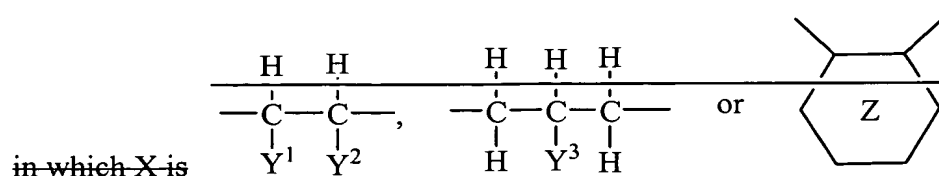
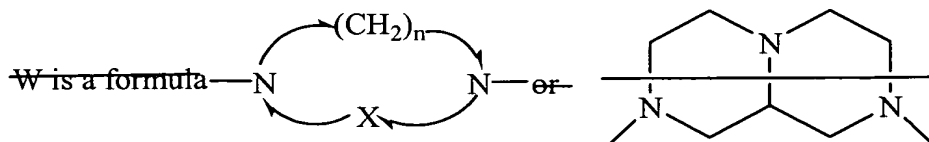


wherein:

A is a phenyl, naphthyl, dihydronaphthyl, indenyl, pyridyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, quinolyl or isoquinolyl group, any of which may be substituted;

B is a group of $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$, $-(\text{CH}=\text{CH})_2-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$ or $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, or a divalent residue of benzene, pyridine, pyrimidine or pyrazine, any of which may be substituted; and

W is diazepine as shown in the following formula, where n is 3 and X is $-\text{CHY}^1-$, CHY^2- or n is 2 and X is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CHY}^3-\text{CH}_2-$



wherein Y^1 , Y^2 and Y^3 are each independently selected from the group consisting of:

a hydrogen atom,

$-\text{COOR}^1$, wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group,

$-\text{CON}(\text{R}^2)\text{R}^3$, wherein R^2 and R^3 are each independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, and a lower alkyl group,

$-\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{R}^4)\text{R}^5$, wherein R^4 and R^5 are each independently a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, or R^4 and R^5 may form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, a heterocyclic ring which may further have an oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur atom, and

$-\text{CH}_2-\text{S}-\text{R}^6$, wherein R^6 is a lower alkyl, phenyl or pyridyl group; or

Y^1 and Y^2 may couple to each other to form an alkylene group which may be through an oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur atom,

~~Z is a benzene or pyridine ring, and~~

~~n is an integer of 2 or 3,~~

~~with the proviso that when B is a p-phenylene group, and W is a 1,4-piperazinyl group, A is not a phenyl group, and when B is $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, A is not a phenyl group which may be substituted,~~

or a salt thereof, or a hydrate or solvate thereof.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The compound according to Claim 14, wherein A is a phenyl, naphthyl, dihydronaphthyl, indenyl, pyridyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, quinolyl or isoquinolyl group any of which may have 1-3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group which may be

substituted by 1-3 halogen atoms, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group which may be substituted by one or two lower alkyl groups, and a lower alkylthio group.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A composition comprising the compound according to Claim 14 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 16 in solid, semi-solid or liquid form.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 16 in the form of a tablet, pill, granule, soft capsule, hard capsule, powder, grain, trituration, emulsion, syrup, pellet or elixir.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 16 in the form of an injection, drop, infusion, ointment, lotion, tonic, spray, inhalation suspension, oil, emulsion or suppository.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 16, wherein said carrier comprises a surfactant, excipient, colorant, smell corrigent, preservative, stabilizer, buffer, suspension stabilizer, or isotonic agent.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 16, wherein said compound is an acid-addition salt, a solvate or a hydrate.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A method for inhibiting the production of an IgE antibody comprising:

administering to a subject in need thereof an amount of the compound of Claim 14 suitable for inhibiting the production of IgE in said subject.

Claim 23 (Cancelled):

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A method for treating an allergic immunological disease comprising administering an effective amount of the compound of Claim 14 to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 24, wherein said allergic immunological disease is selected from the group consisting of asthma, atopic dermatitis, allergic rhinitis, inflammatory large bowel disease ~~or~~ and contact dermatitis.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 24, wherein said effective amount ranges from 0.01- 1,000 mg/kg/day.

Claim 27 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein A is a phenyl or substituted phenyl.

Claim 28 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein A is naphthyl or substituted naphthyl.

Claim 29 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein A is dihydronaphthyl or substituted dihydronaphthyl.

Claim 30 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein A is indenyl or substituted indenyl.

Claim 31 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein A is pyridyl or substituted pyridyl.

Claim 32 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein A is indolyl or substituted indolyl.

Claim 33 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein A is isoindolyl or substituted isoindolyl.

Claim 34 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein A is quinolyl or substituted quinolyl.

Claim 35 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein A is isoquinolyl or substituted isoquinolyl.

Claim 36 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein B is $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, which may be substituted.

Claim 37 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein B is $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$.

Claim 38 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein B is a group of $-(CH=CH)_2-$, which may be substituted.

Claim 39 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein B is $-CH=CH-C\equiv C-$, which may be substituted.

Claim 40 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein B is $-C\equiv C-CH=CH-$, which may be substituted.

Claim 41 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein B is a divalent residue of benzene, which may be substituted.

Claim 42 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein B is a divalent residue of pyridine, which may be substituted.

Claim 43 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein B is a divalent residue of pyrimidine, which may be substituted.

Claim 44 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein B is a divalent residue of pyrazine, which may be substituted.

Claim 45 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein n is 3 and X is $-CHY^1-CHY^2-$.

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Claim 46 (New): The compound of Claim 14, wherein n is 2 and X is $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CHY}^3\text{-CH}_2\text{-}$.